for setting up of a Sub Centre at Tirupathi was received by Sports Authority of India (SAI) on 9th October, 2001.

(c) The matter was examined and SAI has informed to the Commissioner, Youth Services & Sports, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh that SAI may consider opening a Training Centre at Tirupathi provided the State Government makes available proper hostel building and playing facilities to SAI.

Assistance to Bihar for Development of Sports

†4795. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provide to Bihar for development of sports during the last three years and in current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that funds provided to Bihar are on the lower side as compared to other States;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate any special campaign for selecting players talented in different sports from Bihar for national level meets; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) "Sports" is a State subject. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create sports facilities in the State. However, in order to supplement their efforts in this direction, the Central Government provides assistance under various Sports Schemes in accordance with the approved pattern. Under the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Schemes of National Sports Talent Contest, Special Area Games and SAI Training Centre in the State of Bihar, Rs. 1,19,50,143/- were spent during 1999-2000 (undivided Bihar), Rs. 76,14,807/- during 2000-2001 (in Bihar) and Rs. 69,55,013 during 2001-2002 (in Bihar). For the current year, no funds have been sanctioned so far.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No, Sir. As per provisions of the above schemes, the funds are provided depending upon the number of SAI Centres and the trainees admitted in the Centres in that particular State.

(c) and (d) Talented sports persons are identified every year as per the prescribed procedure for admission in the SAI Schemes. The selected trainees are trained scientifically under the expert guidance of coaches for participation in various State and National level meets.

NRC Schemes in Orissa

4796. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts in Orissa, identified by Government for implementation of National Reconstruction Corps (NRC) Scheme for 2002-2003;

(b) the names of districts in which NRC Scheme has already been implemented successfully;

(c) whether certain bottlenecks have been noticed in Implementation of the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to remove these bottlenecks for expeditious implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) Following three districts have been identified by the Government of India for implementation of National Reconstruction Corps (NRC) Scheme during 2002-2003:

(i) Sundergarh

(ii) Sambalpur

(iii) Keonjhar